

PAINT AND OIL UNDER SCRUTINY

Investigation to Be Held by Administrative Board on Monday.

BIDS FOR WEST CARY STREET

Joint Use of Poles Controversy Left to Determination of Council.

Further investigation is to be made by the Administrative Board as to the quality of oil and paint furnished the city, on Monday morning at 10 o'clock. Growing out of the report of City Chemist Whitfield in regard to acid in oil furnished for use on city machinery, the report has reached the ears of members of the board that some of the paint used by the city has shown a tendency to wash off in the first hard rain. No definite charges to this effect are before the board, but the whole matter is to be looked into, and the reports, whatever they may be, set at rest. The board has summoned to be present on Monday morning the Tanner Paint and Oil Company, which holds an annual contract for furnishing certain supplies to the City Engineer's Department; H. V. Taylor, an employee of the Tanner Paint and Oil Company; City Engineer Charles E. Bolling, Assistant City Engineer P. V. Tallaferro, lightfoot West, engineer in charge of the city steam roller, and H. C. Calder, keeper of William Bird Park. Further chemical analyses are to be made of the various grades of paint and oil furnished the city.

Bids for Cary Street.
Revised plans for widening Cary street by cutting off a strip of the sidewalk have been filed by City Engineer Bolling. The Administrative Board yesterday directed that bids be invited, returnable March 14, for grading, granite curb and small paving of the roadway of Cary Street from Allen Avenue to the Boulevard, the preliminary estimate for which is about \$30,000.

Representatives of the Virginia Railway and Power Company were before the board yesterday in reference to the joint use of poles between the city and the company. After prolonged discussion, it was held to be the sense of the board that this was a matter for Council action, over which the board had no authority.

It was recalled that shortly after the election of the City Electric Plant it was agreed to submit to arbitration the matter of the use of the poles by the city of a number of the company's poles. The city named Judge Beverly Crump, then a practicing attorney, as its arbitrator. His appointment was agreed to by the company, which agreed, instead of having three arbitrators, to leave the whole question to the determination of Judge Crump. Before the evidence was presented or the matter gone into, Judge Crump was appointed to the bench of the Eastern District Court, and neither the city nor company has since pressed for any settlement of the question of joint use of poles.

Aid for Athletics.
The aid of Julien H. Hill, president of the Amateur Baseball Commission, for a hearing before the Administrative Board was granted, and Mr. Hill requested to appear Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

On motion of Captain McCarthy, the City Engineer was instructed to report as soon as possible on the opening of Fifteenth Street through to Broad Street, with drawings and estimates. The board will hold a conference session to-day in regard to matters in connection with the management of the City Home.

McClulloch—Booze.
Buchanan, Va., February 28.—The home of Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Boone was the scene of a pretty marriage this afternoon at 5 o'clock, when their daughter, Miss Mabel Boone, was united in marriage to John Edward McClulloch in the presence only of the near relatives of the contracting parties. The wedding was in the form of a tableau, the bride party having taken positions in the library, which was tastefully decorated with growing plants and soft-shaded lights. Before the folding doors were thrown open, revealing the impressive scene. The bride was attractively gowned in a blue cloth going away gown and carried a shawl bouquet of bride's roses. Beside the bride stood her only sister, Julia, dressed in pale blue silk, her flowers being pink, bridegroom's roses. The Rev. Bowling Hobson, of the Presbyterian Church, performed the ceremony, while Mrs. Paxton Richmond played several selections during the ceremony. Immediately after the ceremony a luncheon was served. Mr. and Mrs. McClulloch will spend their honeymoon in Richmond and Washington.

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR'S OFFICE FROM JANUARY 1 TO FEBRUARY 28, 1913.

Number of permits issued in February for new work..... 45
Number of permits issued in February for alterations and repairs..... 39
Total number of permits issued in February..... 84
Estimated cost of new improvements in February..... \$330,654 00
Estimated cost of alterations and repairs in February..... 52,128 00

Total cost of work authorized in February..... \$381,812 00
Average value of permit for new work in February..... \$7,548 533
Average value of permit for alterations and repairs in February..... 1,336 615
Average value of total permits issued in February..... 4,664 120

ALTERATIONS AND REPAIRS, 1913.						
	Jan. 1 to Jan. 31.		February.		Jan. 1 to Feb. 28.	
	No. of Bldgs.	Amount.	No. of Bldgs.	Amount.	No. of Bldgs.	Amount.
Brick dwellings	2	\$ 1,260	11	\$ 5,923	16	\$ 7,283
Frame dwellings	7	1,754	12	3,870	19	5,624
Warehouses and manu- factories	10	20,150	3	2,659	13	22,809
Brick stores	24	5,480	14	4,910	38	9,490
Public stables	2	160	2	275	3	435
Private stables	1	100	3	400	4	400
Power houses	1	35,000	1	35,000	1	35,000

	44	\$28,004	40	\$52,128	83	\$81,032
Total number of examinations and reports.....					70	
Total amount of new work from January 1 to February 28, 1913.....					\$826,046	00
Total amount of repair work from January 1 to February 28, 1913.....					81,032	00

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Total amount of new work from January 1 to February 28, 1913..... \$826,046 00
Total amount of repair work from January 1 to February 28, 1913..... \$1,032 00
Total amount of work authorized from January 1 to February 28, 1913..... \$807,078 00
Increase in new work in February, 1913, as compared with February, 1912, amounts to \$41,650; increase in alteration and repair work in February, 1913, as compared with February, 1912, amounts to \$14,465, making a total increase of all work authorized in February, 1913, as compared with February, 1912, of \$56,115.

News of South-Richmond.

COLLECTIONS ARE GOOD

Southsiders Heed Warning of Deputy Treasurer and Pay Taxes.

Since the recent warning of Deputy Treasurer J. W. Brumbaugh, Jr., regarding the failures of Southsiders to pay their dog and wagon taxes and their liability to be summoned to court for the omission, his office in the Leader Building has been filled daily with persons eager to square themselves with the law. According to his report of the collections of Washington Ward during the month of February, made yesterday to City Treasurer James E. Pace, the sum of \$17,730 will be turned over to the city for wagon licenses, while the dogs will net \$269.56. While this is much smaller than last year, many more payments are expected to-day and Monday.

The February collections are slightly above the average. In all, \$140,130 was taken in. As usual, Assistant City Collector J. P. Robinson proved the greatest source of revenue. He received for H. L. Hulce, \$10,500, and for T. C. Walford, \$1,039.55. Fines collected by Justice H. A. Maurice in Police Court totaled \$106, while the fees reported by Clerk Walter E. Payal, of Hustings Court, Part II, amounted to \$22,234. The sum of \$415.44 was turned in by Superintendent S. J. Jones, of Maury and Mt. Olivet Cemeteries. Water rents amounting to \$274.19 were collected.

COMMITTEE TO REPORT

Merger of Three Chesterfield Schools.
The joint committee recently appointed to look into the advisability of consolidating the Mann, Martin and Moore Schools, in Manchester District, Chesterfield County, will make its report to-night at a meeting of the school patrons to be held at Martin School. The residents of the district have gone on record as favoring the plan to merge the schools and to erect a centrally located graded schoolhouse. Each of the present schools is a small frame structure. By consolidation of interests a brick building of six rooms would be an economical means of bettering conditions. The same staff of teachers could be employed to much better advantage, and better all-round results obtained.

Assaults Railway Conductor.
In the Swansboro court yesterday morning Isaac King, colored, was convicted on a charge of assaulting C. H. Crabtree, a ticket collector on the Southern Railway. A fine of \$10 and costs was imposed by Magistrate L. W. Cheatham. Through J. M. Turner, his attorney, King noted an appeal to the Chesterfield Circuit Court. He was admitted to bail.
The charge against King arose, it is said, over an altercation with the collector regarding his fare. The negro claimed to have paid and after an argument is said to have struck the official over the head with a bottle. Edwin P. Cox represented the company.

Funeral of Mrs. Bass.
The funeral of Mrs. W. E. Bass, who died Thursday night at her home, 5551 Hull Street, Swansboro, will be held from Weatherford Memorial Church this morning at 9 o'clock. Rev. W. C. Sale, the pastor, will officiate. The remains will be shipped to her former home near Stoney's Junction, Powhatan County, for burial. Interment will be in Mount Harmon Cemetery.

Abandon Washington Trip.
Receiving little encouragement from members of the organization, the officers of the South Richmond Democratic Club have given up the idea of chartering a special car in which to travel to the inauguration. It was hoped that a sufficient number of Southsiders would decide to make the trip, but few came forward.

Enters Suit for \$2,000.
Suit in the sum of \$2,000, was instituted yesterday in Hustings Court, Part II, by Fillmore Fountain against J. J. Smith & Company. The action is for injuries received through the alleged negligence of the defendant company.

To Hear Appended Cases.
Two appeals from decisions of Justice H. A. Maurice, of Police Court, Part II, will be heard this morning by Judge Ernest H. Wells in Hustings Court, Part II.
John Dennis, colored, recently convicted of stealing a jug of liquor will be given another chance.

General News Notes.
While at work yesterday morning at the American Locomotive Works, J. M. Chalkley, of South Richmond, caught his hand in a machine and had one finger on his left hand amputated. The injury was treated by Dr. O. C. Page, of the City Ambulance.
Charles T. Jones yesterday qualified in Hustings Court, Part II, as a notary public for the City of Richmond.
Rev. E. Ernest Warren, rector of Meade Memorial Episcopal Church, will preach the third sermon of a series of six on "Prayer," to-morrow morning Holy Communion will be celebrated at the morning service.

With the Police.
John Donald, colored, was arrested yesterday morning on a charge of recklessly driving and colliding with a vehicle driven by Mrs. M. D. Rock, of Chesterfield. The man will be given a hearing Monday morning.
James Perry, colored, was taken into custody on a warrant in which he is accused with cursing, abusing and threatening Sam McKnight, the complainant.
Sonny Goodie, colored, was arrested on a charge of being drunk and unable to care for himself.

Personal Mention.
James T. Brien, Jr., has returned to Catawba, after spending a week with his parents in this city.
Mrs. W. T. Raughan, of 2601 Boston Avenue, Oak Grove, who has been ill for some time is convalescent.

Sunday Features IN The Times-Dispatch

There Is No Better Paper; Few Papers Are as Good

Here are some of the features that will appear next Sunday:

Four pages of Colored Comics, telling the wonderful adventures of the Katzenjammer Kids, the trials of "Jimmy" and the Baby, Happy Hooligan and his dear Suzanne, and the pranks of the Newly Weds' baby.

An eight-page Feature section, with beautiful front page in four colors. This section tells of Priceless Art Treasures recently brought to America; of Secrets of Beauty and of matters of living interest in the public eye.

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A special Illustrated Section of four pages describing the inaugural of President-Elect Woodrow Wilson. In this section will appear a full page of pictures showing Governor Mann surrounded by his staff in uniform.

The Illustrated Sunday Magazine of The Times-Dispatch, sixteen pages of the best fiction, written by popular authors. This magazine carries a front page in attractive colors.

The Industrial Section, devoted to the business resources of the city and State. It tells a story of progress and prosperity and describes the onward march of the South.

A Social Section, in which is printed the society news of Richmond and of the State of Virginia, as well as many articles of especial interest, such as the Confederate Page, Genealogy, a page for children, written by children, and letters by Carpenter and Watkins.

A Sporting Section, written by experts and appealing to lovers of all branches of sport.

The News Section, carrying all the local news, written by men who know Richmond; the news of America and the world by the wires of the Associated Press and the National and International Services, as well as reports of special correspondents sent over private wires into the telegraph office of The Times-Dispatch.

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CHURCH PROPERTY BRINGS HIGH BID

Edgar Allan, Jr., Offers \$95,000 for Grace Street Presbyterian Lot—May Go West.

A business meeting of the congregation of Grace Street Presbyterian Church has been called for next Wednesday night to consider a tentative offer from Edgar Allan, Jr., of \$95,000 for the church property at Fourth and Grace Streets. Definite action on the part of the church will probably be held up until the building committee of the session is able to report on a site for the new house of worship in the West End.

Mr. Allan began negotiations for the purchase of the property before his severe illness several months ago. The deal has been practically at a standstill until recently, when Mr. Allan recovered health sufficiently to reopen correspondence with the church officers. While the offer is understood to be satisfactory to the session of the church, the congregation has not been given an opportunity to vote on the transfer. It is believed, however, that papers will be signed as soon as the church has arranged for a new lot farther west.

About this time last year an offer of \$84,000 was made for its property by a Broad Street firm, which desired to extend its building so as to have an entrance on Grace Street. While the proposal did not meet with the demands of the session, it began a movement for the removal of the church west, which resulted in the congregation voting to move. The ballot on the question was close, and determined opposition was developed by the older members. Officers of the church admit that Mr. Allan has made a proposition for the purchase of the property, but refuse to discuss the matter. Whatever may be the decision of the congregation in regard to the sale, the legal documents cannot be drawn up and signed until Mr. Allan returns to Richmond.

Publicity in connection with the transfer has been avoided because the church officers wished to have at least an option on a desirable lot in the West End before submitting the proposition of sale to the congregation. Several sites have been under consideration, and while the building committee is reticent, it is believed that negotiations for a site have finally progressed to such a point that the question of purchase is ready to be put to the church as a whole.

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